

**Comment on the proposed conservation of the specific name of and designation of a neotype for *Spongia ventilabrum* Linnaeus, 1767 (currently *Phakellia ventilabrum*; Porifera)**

(Case 3216; see BZN 60: 16–19)

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As the result of a misunderstanding at the proof stage of this application, the Commission Secretariat introduced an error. Although Linnaeus (1767) originally spelt the specific name *ventilabra*, Johnson (1842) changed it to *ventilabrum*. Subsequently Johnson's spelling has prevailed (see Article 33.3.1 of the Code; the Secretariat holds a list of 28 references that show prevailing usage). Accordingly, we make the following corrections to para. 11 of our application:

(2) . . . type species by original designation *Spongia ventilabrum* Linnaeus, 1767;

(3) to place on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology the name *ventilabrum*, as published in the binomen *Spongia ventilabrum* Linnaeus, 1767 . . .

**Comments on the proposed conservation of *Melania curvicostata* Reeve, 1861 and *Goniobasis paupercula* Lea, 1862 (Mollusca, Gastropoda) by the designation of a neotype for *Melania curvicostata* (Reeve, 1861)**

(Case 3232; see BZN 60: 109–112)

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I fully support the application to set aside all previous type fixations and designate the specimen Florida Museum of Natural History 292208 as the neotype of *Melania curvicostata* Reeve, 1861 and to place on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology the specific names of *M. curvicostata* and *Goniobasis paupercula* Lea, 1862. At present there is considerable interest and research in the molluscan fauna of the southeastern United States, which is considered to be a hot spot of freshwater biological diversity. To understand adequately the biodiversity of this region or any region and make informed conservation recommendations researchers need type material that truly reflects the original species description.

The following four correspondents (2)–(5) have all pointed out the same Code-compliant resolution to this case.

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It is stated in the application that the specimen figured as *Melania curvicostata* by Reeve, 1861 is different from all the existing syntypes and probably is the only one of